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Number of Referrals and IFSP Eligibility Rates by Month

SPOE	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Total	Avg. per Month
Greater St. Louis (Reg. 1)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	147	220	166	154	146	149	187	172	164	149	136	162	1,952	162.7
Referrals resulting in IFSP	69	102	66	75	64	77	101	79	84	72	61	68	918	76.5
% that went to IFSP	46.9%	46.4%	39.8%	48.7%	43.8%	51.7%	54.0%	45.9%	51.2%	48.3%	44.9%	42.0%	47.0%	
St. Louis County (Reg. 2)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	211	276	233	246	214	196	235	238	218	220	205	225	2,717	226.4
Referrals resulting in IFSP	101	109	92	103	95	77	104	101	85	104	72	87	1,130	94.2
% that went to IFSP	47.9%	39.5%	39.5%	41.9%	44.4%	39.3%	44.3%	42.4%	39.0%	47.3%	35.1%	38.7%	41.6%	
Northeast (Reg. 3)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	79	78	88	84	61	74	88	80	86	76	52	96	942	78.5
Referrals resulting in IFSP	40	24	34	28	27	26	29	28	28	21	18	22	325	27.1
% that went to IFSP	50.6%	30.8%	38.6%	33.3%	44.3%	35.1%	33.0%	35.0%	32.6%	27.6%	34.6%	22.9%	34.5%	
Northwest (Reg. 4)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	134	127	140	124	123	120	134	129	123	104	112	127	1,497	124.8
Referrals resulting in IFSP	60	44	64	45	57	54	57	66	52	52	55	46	652	54.3
% that went to IFSP	44.8%	34.6%	45.7%	36.3%	46.3%	45.0%	42.5%	51.2%	42.3%	50.0%	49.1%	36.2%	43.6%	
Greater Kansas City (Reg. 5)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	161	227	222	190	184	148	210	215	174	175	172	222	2,300	191.7
Referrals resulting in IFSP	59	99	102	72	88	62	85	82	75	73	76	81	954	79.5
% that went to IFSP	36.6%	43.6%	45.9%	37.9%	47.8%	41.9%	40.5%	38.1%	43.1%	41.7%	44.2%	36.5%	41.5%	
Central (Reg. 6)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	120	153	116	116	104	119	131	111	145	116	102	151	1,484	123.7
Referrals resulting in IFSP	38	68	49	46	37	52	60	54	54	55	39	57	609	50.8
% that went to IFSP	31.7%	44.4%	42.2%	39.7%	35.6%	43.7%	45.8%	48.6%	37.2%	47.4%	38.2%	37.7%	41.0%	
Southwest (Reg. 7)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	79	110	84	73	81	64	78	86	58	75	56	78	922	76.8
Referrals resulting in IFSP	33	37	38	31	37	30	39	39	24	34	25	33	400	33.3
% that went to IFSP	41.8%	33.6%	45.2%	42.5%	45.7%	46.9%	50.0%	45.3%	41.4%	45.3%	44.6%	42.3%	43.4%	
South Central (Reg. 8)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	132	143	157	145	129	108	135	145	139	141	87	129	1,590	132.5
Referrals resulting in IFSP	47	58	73	46	66	42	62	69	60	59	46	48	676	56.3
% that went to IFSP	35.6%	40.6%	46.5%	31.7%	51.2%	38.9%	45.9%	47.6%	43.2%	41.8%	52.9%	37.2%	42.5%	
East Central (Reg. 9)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	109	164	145	127	109	111	165	149	121	120	115	151	1,586	132.2
Referrals resulting in IFSP	54	72	67	48	50	41	71	75	51	59	47	57	692	57.7
% that went to IFSP	49.5%	43.9%	46.2%	37.8%	45.9%	36.9%	43.0%	50.3%	42.1%	49.2%	40.9%	37.7%	43.6%	
Southeast (Reg. 10)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	89	134	124	100	84	73	125	97	102	88	90	94	1,200	100.0
Referrals resulting in IFSP	29	52	45	28	35	32	50	37	41	36	28	48	461	38.4
% that went to IFSP	32.6%	38.8%	36.3%	28.0%	41.7%	43.8%	40.0%	38.1%	40.2%	40.9%	31.1%	51.1%	38.4%	
Grand Total - Referrals by SPOE	1261	1632	1475	1359	1235	1162	1488	1422	1330	1264	1127	1435	16,190	1349.2
Grand Total - Referral resulting in IFSP	530	665	630	522	556	493	658	630	554	565	467	547	6,817	568.1
% that went to IFSP	42.0%	40.7%	42.7%	38.4%	45.0%	42.4%	44.2%	44.3%	41.7%	44.7%	41.4%	38.1%	42.1%	

Referrals exclude "Inquiry Only" referrals and include multiple referrals for the same child
IFSP counts are unduplicated

Primary Referral Sources and IFSP Eligibility Rates Over Last 12 Months

SPOE	Medical Providers	Social Service Agencies	Early Childhood Programs	Parent
Greater St. Louis (Reg. 1)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	807	93	169	883
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	346	30	82	460
IFSP Rate	42.9%	32.3%	48.5%	52.1%
St. Louis County (Reg. 2)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	1,267	121	149	1,180
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	475	31	55	569
IFSP Rate	37.5%	25.6%	36.9%	48.2%
Northeast (Reg. 3)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	569	85	113	175
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	204	12	32	77
IFSP Rate	35.9%	14.1%	28.3%	44.0%
Northwest (Reg. 4)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	661	32	109	695
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	243	11	49	349
IFSP Rate	36.8%	34.4%	45.0%	50.2%
Greater Kansas City (Reg. 5)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	1,053	135	182	930
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	412	27	77	438
IFSP Rate	39.1%	20.0%	42.3%	47.1%
Central (Reg. 6)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	915	118	134	317
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	363	29	46	171
IFSP Rate	39.7%	24.6%	34.3%	53.9%
Southwest (Reg. 7)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	435	63	158	266
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	158	15	76	151
IFSP Rate	36.3%	23.8%	48.1%	56.8%
South Central (Reg. 8)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	743	174	203	470
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	311	37	85	243
IFSP Rate	41.9%	21.3%	41.9%	51.7%
East Central (Reg. 9)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	773	130	178	505
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	318	33	82	259
IFSP Rate	41.1%	25.4%	46.1%	51.3%
Southeast (Reg. 10)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	611	184	1,535	265
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	249	20	624	152
IFSP Rate	40.8%	10.9%	40.7%	57.4%
Grand Total - Primary Referrals (last 12 months)	7,834	1,135	1,535	5,686
Grand Total - Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	3,079	245	624	2,869
IFSP Rate for Each Referral Source	39.3%	21.6%	40.7%	50.5%
% by Source - Statewide	48.4%	7.0%	9.5%	35.1%

Referrals exclude "Inquiry Only" referrals and include multiple referrals for the same child

IFSP counts are unduplicated

Medical Providers include Hospital (other than NICU), Physician (inc. Psych.), Other health care provider, Public Health Facilities/Providers, and NICU.

Social Service Agencies include DMH, DHSS, CAPTA, Homeless Family Shelters, Domestic Violence Shelters/Agencies, and Social Service Agency (inc Foster Care).

Early Childhood Programs include Parents as Teachers, Head Start/Early Head Start, Other LEA program, Child Care Program/Provider, and MSD/MSB.

Active Children with IFSPs by Primary Program Eligibility

		Dev. Delay - Half Age	Dev. Delay - ICO*	Medical Condition/Medical Condition - ICO*	Very Low Birth Weight	Total
Greater St. Louis (Reg.1)	Number	670	103	236	139	1,148
	Percent	58.4%	9.0%	20.6%	12.1%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Reg.2)	Number	864	159	262	162	1,447
	Percent	59.7%	11.0%	18.1%	11.2%	100.0%
Northeast (Reg.3)	Number	237	15	135	56	443
	Percent	53.5%	3.4%	30.5%	12.6%	100.0%
Northwest (Reg.4)	Number	494	22	154	72	742
	Percent	66.6%	3.0%	20.8%	9.7%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Reg.5)	Number	785	17	237	134	1,173
	Percent	66.9%	1.4%	20.2%	11.4%	100.0%
Central (Reg.6)	Number	490	41	194	71	796
	Percent	61.6%	5.2%	24.4%	8.9%	100.0%
Southwest (Reg.7)	Number	333	32	51	51	467
	Percent	71.3%	6.9%	10.9%	10.9%	100.0%
South Central (Reg.8)	Number	532	100	172	84	888
	Percent	59.9%	11.3%	19.4%	9.5%	100.0%
East Central (Reg.9)	Number	548	31	195	110	884
	Percent	62.0%	3.5%	22.1%	12.4%	100.0%
Southeast (Reg.10)	Number	377	9	120	61	567
	Percent	66.5%	1.6%	21.2%	10.8%	100.0%
Grand Total (Statewide)	Number	5,330	529	1,756	940	8,555
	Percent	62.3%	6.2%	20.5%	11.0%	100.0%

* Informed Clinical Opinion (ICO)

Active Children with IFSPs by Primary Setting*

		Home	Community Setting	Total Natural Environment Setting	Other**	Total
Greater St. Louis (Reg.1)	Number	1,053	75	1,128	7	1,135
	Percent	92.8%	6.6%	99.4%	0.6%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Reg.2)	Number	1,370	47	1,417	7	1,424
	Percent	96.2%	3.3%	99.5%	0.5%	100.0%
Northeast (Reg.3)	Number	414	26	440	0	440
	Percent	94.1%	5.9%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Northwest (Reg.4)	Number	668	61	729	0	729
	Percent	91.6%	8.4%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Reg.5)	Number	1,091	68	1,159	0	1,159
	Percent	94.1%	5.9%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Central (Reg.6)	Number	708	79	787	0	787
	Percent	90.0%	10.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Southwest (Reg.7)	Number	418	49	467	0	467
	Percent	89.5%	10.5%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
South Central (Reg.8)	Number	789	79	868	1	869
	Percent	90.8%	9.1%	99.9%	0.1%	100.0%
East Central (Reg.9)	Number	835	33	868	2	870
	Percent	96.0%	3.8%	99.8%	0.2%	100.0%
Southeast (Reg.10)	Number	517	47	564	1	565
	Percent	91.5%	8.3%	99.8%	0.2%	100.0%
Grand Total (Statewide)	Number	7,863	564	8,427	18	8,445
	Percent	93.1%	6.7%	99.8%	0.2%	100.0%

*Does not include children with meetings in ongoing status.

** Other includes Special Purpose Center, Hospital, Residential Facility, and Service Provider Location.

Active Children with IFSPs Compared to SPOE Population by Race

	Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	St. Louis County (Region 2)	Northeast (Region 3)	Northwest (Region 4)	Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	Central (Region 6)	Southwest (Region 7)	South Central (Region 8)	East Central (Region 9)	Southeast (Region 10)	State Total
Total % of Pop	4.88%	4.35%	3.76%	3.65%	3.42%	4.25%	3.71%	3.86%	4.43%	3.87%	4.03%
Asian and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander*											
% of Pop.	4.52%	3.18%	1.18%	2.47%	1.66%	2.18%	3.43%	2.42%	4.24%	0.00%	2.90%
Black or African American**											
% of Pop.	5.39%	5.07%	3.10%	4.91%	3.81%	5.11%	3.13%	3.02%	5.22%	5.44%	4.66%
White											
% of Pop.	4.64%	3.97%	3.86%	3.51%	3.35%	4.20%	3.86%	4.01%	4.38%	3.67%	3.93%
Native American or Alaska Native											
% of Pop.	5.68%	4.26%	0.00%	0.57%	0.31%	0.00%	0.74%	0.42%	0.85%	0.00%	0.94%

*Census data (2021 US Census Estimates) combines race categories Asian & Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander.

**Children with two or more races are included in the Black percent of population.

Active Children with IFSPs Compared to SPOE Population by Ethnicity

	Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	St. Louis County (Region 2)	Northeast (Region 3)	Northwest (Region 4)	Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	Central (Region 6)	Southwest (Region 7)	South Central (Region 8)	East Central (Region 9)	Southeast (Region 10)	State Total
Hispanic/Latino											
Active Children	95	78	15	64	178	80	79	60	50	31	730
Under 3 Pop.	1,458	1,771	470	1,730	5,009	1,243	1,707	1,378	922	682	16,370
% of Pop.	6.52%	4.40%	3.19%	3.70%	3.55%	6.44%	4.63%	4.35%	5.42%	4.55%	4.46%
NOT Hispanic/Latino											
Active Children	1,053	1,369	428	678	995	716	388	828	834	536	7,825
Under 3 Pop.	22,072	31,483	11,320	18,575	29,316	17,487	10,867	21,634	19,038	13,970	195,762
% of Pop.	4.77%	4.35%	3.78%	3.65%	3.39%	4.09%	3.57%	3.83%	4.38%	3.84%	4.00%

Inactivations by Reason-Children Who Had an IFSP, Last 12 Months

SPOE	Child Deceased	Completion of IFSP	Moved Out of State	Parent Withdrawn/ Withdrawn due to FCP	Pt B Elig in Process	Pt B Inelig Exit to Other/Pt B Inelig Exit w/o Ref	Pt B Ref Refused Parent	Transition to Part B	Unable to Contact/ Locate	Grand Total
Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	0.7%	2.1%	4.3%	11.2%	11.4%	10.5%	6.7%	43.0%	10.1%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Region 2)	0.2%	1.7%	3.8%	13.5%	2.7%	10.9%	6.7%	52.6%	7.7%	100.0%
Northeast (Region 3)	0.0%	0.3%	1.8%	14.4%	2.4%	14.7%	6.4%	54.1%	5.8%	100.0%
Northwest (Region 4)	0.2%	2.5%	4.1%	21.1%	2.7%	10.0%	5.5%	48.9%	5.0%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	0.3%	2.1%	5.8%	11.4%	4.1%	9.2%	7.4%	52.8%	6.8%	100.0%
Central (Region 6)	0.5%	0.9%	4.4%	14.5%	3.3%	10.9%	7.8%	49.8%	7.8%	100.0%
Southwest (Region 7)	0.5%	8.7%	4.5%	19.7%	1.8%	7.6%	7.1%	42.9%	7.1%	100.0%
South Central (Region 8)	0.2%	2.7%	3.5%	19.6%	2.7%	8.0%	8.6%	46.8%	8.0%	100.0%
East Central (Region 9)	0.6%	2.1%	3.7%	15.4%	2.1%	12.7%	6.7%	51.0%	5.7%	100.0%
Southeast (Region 10)	0.2%	1.4%	2.0%	21.4%	3.7%	12.0%	9.0%	44.9%	5.3%	100.0%
Statewide %	0.3%	2.3%	4.0%	15.5%	3.9%	10.5%	7.2%	49.2%	7.1%	100.0%

Percentage = Inactivation Reason/Total for each SPOE

Inactivations by Reason-Children Who Had an IFSP can include multiple enrollment periods for one child.